

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on March 4, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB46, 2/23/2009; HJ 6, 2/23/2009;
HB 57, 2/25/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:16 Sen Hawks entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. John Fleming (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 46, Change date for quality educator loan repayment assistance.

00:03:08 Sen. Brown left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:03 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:05:04 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT and Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
00:05:28 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:05:55 Robin Graham, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:41 Sen. Zinke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:26 Rep. Fleming

HEARING ON HJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:08 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HJ 6, Urge development of K-12 education shared policy goals.

00:08:27 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:34 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:00 Rep. Lake

HEARING ON HB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:00 Rep. Russell Bean (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 57, Clarify school district consolidations and annexations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:40 Denise Ulberg, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:17:35 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:18 Rep. Bean

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:25 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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